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A BIG-SHOT NEW SERIES WITH ENERGETIC STORYTELLING!!

I WANT TO HAVE TALENT.

IT IS JUST STILL SLEEPING.
YOUR TALENT WILL EVENTUALLY AWAKEN.
THAT YOU AREN'T MEDIOCRE.
HAVE CONFIDENCE!

DO YOU BELIEVE IN "REINCARNATION"?
YOU KNOW, THERE'S NOW A REINCARNATION FORTUNE TELLER IN FRONT OF THE STATION.
AH, YEAH THERE IS.
WHAT ABOUT IT? DID YOU GO THERE?
YEAH!! DON'T BE TOO SURPRISED IN MY PREVIOUS LIFE I WAS THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN ROYALTY'S GARDENER!!
DULL!! AHAHA!
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE GARDENERS!! BY THE WAY, THIS GUY WAS A PARASITE!!
GYAHA HA!
HE WASN'T EVEN A PERSON!!
NOT GOOD.

THIS USELESS CHIT-CHAT EVERY DAY—
I CAN'T COMPREHEND IT.
ALSO
MY CONCENTRATION IS INTERRUPTED
THIS NOISE OF THE CLASS IS HURTING MY EARS.
I CAN'T BECOME
I CAN'T FIND IT LIKE THIS.
SOMEONE WHO "HAS IT"...

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IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE SEEN HER
I-IT'S HAITO-SAN.
HEY!! CLEAR OUT OF HER WAY!!
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!?
!?
UHH... AHH
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AH, NOT GOOD
TOO SLEEPY
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AT SCHOOL TODAY?
WHY ARE YOU...
WHAT IS IT?
EXCUSE MY RUDE BEHAVIOR
YOU'RE LOOKING AT ME QUITE PASSIONATELY.
IT'S BECAUSE IT'S REALLY RARE FOR HAITO-SAN TO APPEAR AT SCHOOL...
I WAS AFFECTED BY THAT.
JUST TO KILL TIME. NEUMANN TOLD ME THAT...
I'M FREE UNTIL TONIGHT.
TONIGHT? WITH NEUMANN?
AH, LIKE A FRIEND OR SOMETHING.
EVEN THEN, NO MATTER HOW BAD HER BEHAVIOR IS,
I'M SURE SHE WOULDN'T RECEIVE ANY PUNISHMENT.
THAT'S RIGHT!! IT'S A RARE CHANCE, SO WOULDN'T YOU LET ME COPY THE PILED UP ASSIGNMENTS AND PRINTOUTS?
SURE, I DON'T MIND.
NICE!! I JUST HAD TO ASK!!!
HERE.
WOW, THANKS.
THAT'S RIGHT...

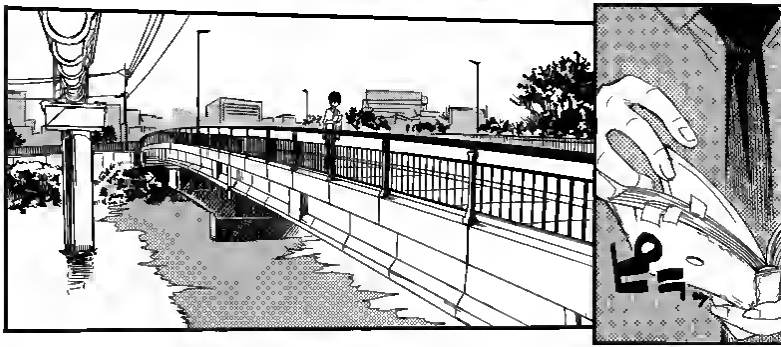
SHE'S SOMEONE WHO "HAS IT".
HAITO LE BUFFETT
IPA IPA
SHE'S BEEN INVITED TO THE KENDO CLUB WITH A SCHOLARSHIP.
剣道部
IT'S A POPULAR STORY.
PLATE: KENDO CLUB
SHE...
SHE ABOLISHED THE WHOLE CLUB
剣道部
RIGHT AFTER ENTERING SCHOOL.

THOSE WHO SAW HER, AND THOSE WHO FOUGHT HER... BECAUSE OF THE GREAT DIFFERENCE IN TALENT,
WAS PROBABLY TOO STRONG.
BECAUSE OF ALL THAT, THERE ARE ENDLESS RUMORS ABOUT HER.
FOR EXAMPLE THAT THE KENDO UNION HAD ASKED HER TO REFRAIN FROM ENTERING TOURNAMENTS
OR THAT THE REASON SHE DOESN'T COME TO SCHOOL IS THAT SHE'S TRAVELLING AROUND THE COUNTRY TO HONE HER SKILLS AND CONTINUES TO DEFEAT DOJOS AFTER DOJOS.
OR BECAUSE SHE IS KILLING PEOPLE NIGHT AFTER NIGHT ON SECRET ORDERS... ETC. ETC...
THEIR WILL WAS BROKEN.

IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT THERE ARE SO MANY RUMORS.
THOSE LIKE ME HAVE REALIZED IT, I GUESS
SHE'S AT A LEVEL WHERE YOU CAN'T REACH BY JUST WORKING HARD
IF I WANT TO SAY IT IN ONE WORD
SHE'S A GENIUS.
WHAT IS IT?
UHM, NO, NOTHING, YOU KNOW?

I SEE.

Passport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HEY YOU, WAIT FOR ME.
WHAT WAS YOUR NAME...
HAI.

HAITO-SAN!!?
YEP
WHERE ARE YOU STANDING ...
I FINISHED THE COPYING, YOU KNOW.
SO I CAME TO GIVE IT BACK.
GIVE IT BACK!?
スチャ
AH, THE ASSIGNMENTS
THAT WAS FAST.
WHEN I SAID "COPY", I MEANT "PHOTO-COPY".
SORRY TO HAVE YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY...
HOWEVER, IT WASN'T REALLY URGENT, SO...
YOU COULD'VE JUST GIVEN IT TO ME TOMORROW...

I P
WHA... WHAT IS IT!?
HMM...
I WAS CURIOUS,
ABOUT THOSE EYES...
THOSE DEEP, SHADOWY EYEBROWS...
ONE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TELL YOU LIKE STUDYING.

WHY ARE YOU GIVING YOUR ALL TO THAT EXTENT?
I'M SEARCHING. FOR TALENT.
IF I SAY THIS,
YOU MIGHT LAUGH AT ME, BUT...
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AND RIGHT NOW, THIS IS THE LATEST FORTRESS.
IT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT.
VIOLIN.
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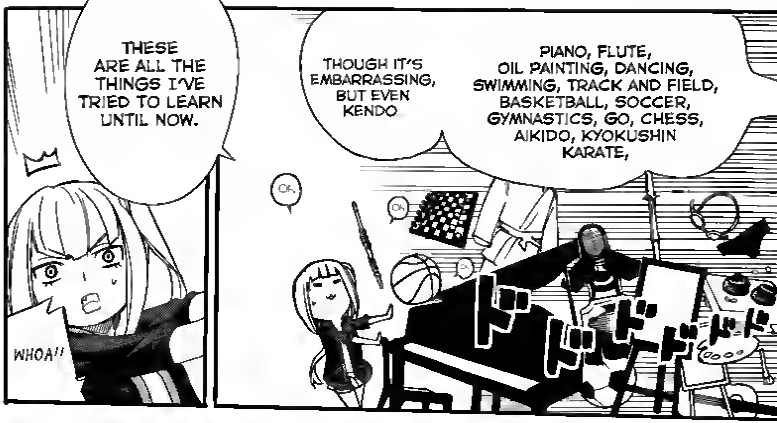
THESE ARE ALL THE THINGS I'VE TRIED TO LEARN UNTIL NOW.
WHOA!!
THOUGH IT'S EMBARRASSING, BUT EVEN KENDO
PIANO, FLUTE, OIL PAINTING, DANCING, SWIMMING, TRACK AND FIELD, BASKETBALL, SOCCER, GYMNASTICS, GO, CHESS, AIKIDO, KYOKUSHIN KARATE,
OK.
OK.
OK.
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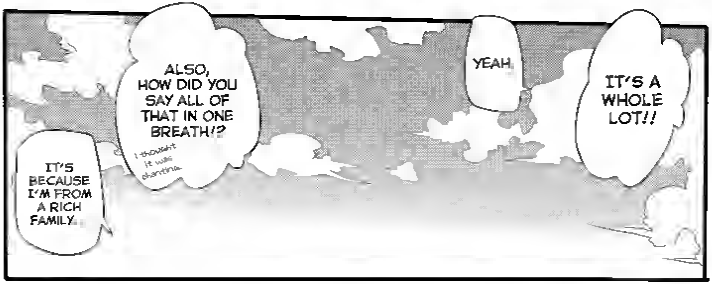
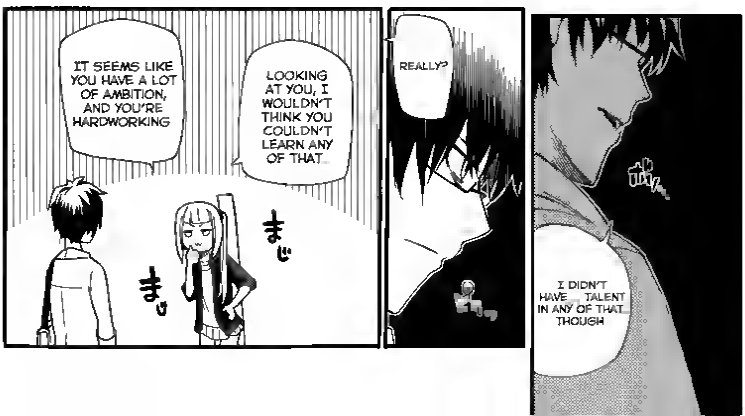

IT'S A WHOLE LOT!!
YEAH.
ALSO, HOW DID YOU SAY ALL OF THAT IN ONE BREATH!?
I shouldn't be with diarrhea.
IT'S BECAUSE I'M FROM A RICH FAMILY.


IT SEEMS LIKE YOU HAVE A LOT OF AMBITION, AND YOU'RE HARDWORKING
LOOKING AT YOU, I WOULDN'T THINK YOU COULDN'T LEARN ANY OF THAT.
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REALLY?
I DIDN'T HAVE TALENT IN ANY OF THAT, THOUGH
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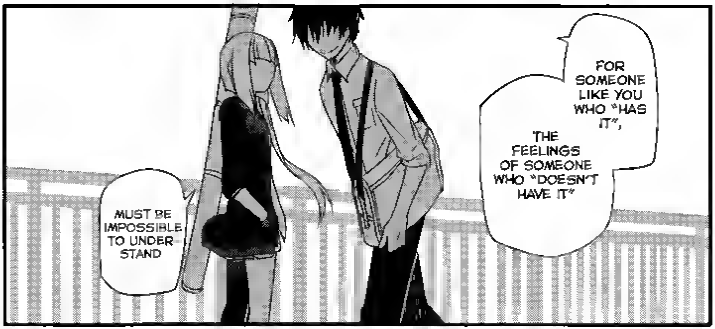
NO MATTER THE FIELD, PEOPLE SUPERIOR TO ME GO AHEAD,
AND I GET TO UNDERSTAND, WITHOUT EVEN COMPARING MYSELF TO THEM, THAT EVEN IF I DO THIS FOR MY WHOLE LIFE, I WOULDN'T COME CLOSE TO THEM.

THERE ARE ALWAYS PEOPLE AHEAD OF ME...

I FULLY REALIZE... THE EXTENT OF MY LOWLINESS...


FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU WHO "HAS IT",
THE FEELINGS OF SOMEONE WHO "DOESN'T HAVE IT"
MUST BE IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND

REALLY?

I THINK WE ARE SIMILAR, THOUGH.
...

IN FRONT OF THE STATION...
TODAY I'M GOING TO THE TWO CRAM SCHOOLS IN FRONT OF THE STATION, ONE AFTER THE OTHER...
YEAH,
CRAM SCHOOL?
E... EXCUSE ME...
NOT GOOD THOSE EYES ARE LOOKING RIGHT THROUGH ME
I HAVE CRAM SCHOOL, SO...
LET'S TALK SOME OTHER TIME...
?
WHAT?
I JUST THOUGHT IT MUST BE BEAUTIFUL.
UMM...
YEAH.
WHAT ABOUT IT?
WILL YOU STAY UNTIL LATE?
WARNING
TONIGHT THERE WILL BE...
A GREAT FULL MOON.
Full Moon

NEUMANN.
WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THIS GUY, AGAIN?
YOU DON'T REMEMBER? HE SITS NEXT TO YOU
HE HELPED YOU OUT, SO IT WOULDN'T HURT IF YOU AT LEAST MEMORIZED HIS NAME
SENJI TOUYA.
TOUYA...
TOUYA, HUH...
YEP.

HE'LL MAKE HIS MOVE TONIGHT FOR SURE, YOU KNOW
HOWEVER, WHAT WAS YOUR INTENT JUST NOW?
HM? ABOUT WHAT?
WHY DIDN'T YOU WARN HIM?
YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD HIM TO SKIP CRAM SCHOOL AND STAY AWAY FROM THE STATION
WHATEVER, EVEN IF I HAD WARNED HIM, IT WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
NO MATTER WHAT I SAID, HE WOULD'VE GONE ANYWAY THAT TOUYA.
YOU CAN SEE IT IN HIS EYES.
AS I THOUGHT.
DO YOU WANT TO INVOLVE HIM?
OTHERWISE, HE WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE.

SOUNDS LIKE FUN, DOESN'T IT?
AND THEN THAT NOBU ...
HEY, HEY, WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING WHILE WALKING,
OLD GUY!!?
EXCUSE ME, I WAS A BIT OUT OF IT.
NICE
DO IT!! DO IT!! KACCHAN !!!
IF YOU'RE APOLOGIZING, LOOK THIS WAY WHEN YOU DO IT!! IF YOU'RE A MAN, THAT IS!!!

UFUFU...
EXCUSE ME,
EXCUSE ME.
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WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?
GROSS!
JUST LEAVE THIS PLACE!! WE'LL BE LATE FOR THE MEETING!!
AAH,
HURRY...

BECOME NIGHT...
HEY ARE YOU LISTENING?
.....
SOME HOW JUST NOW
THERE WERE PETALS... WAS I JUST SEEING THINGS?

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AHH, I'M SO TIRED!!
BY THE WAY, HOW DID YOU DO ON THE MOCK EXAM?
I FAILED. MY PARENTS WILL GET ANGRY WITH ME AGAIN
YOU'RE MY COMRADE! LET'S MEET UP AT NIKYAKU.
BY THE WAY, DID YOU HEAR?
THERE'S SOMEONE IN OUR CRAM SCHOOL WHO GETS IN THE NATIONAL TOP 100 MOCK EXAM SCORES EVERY TIME
FOR REAL!? WHAT KIND OF GUY IS HE? A HOTTIE!?
YOU ALWAYS CARE JUST ABOUT THAT...
ANYWAY, I'M SO ENVIOUS
IT'S LIKE HE'S IN THE WINNING GROUP.
NATIONAL
RANK
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AVERAGE SCORE
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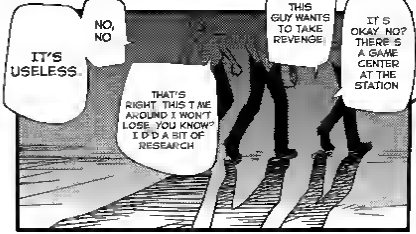
NO, DON'T BE PESSIMISTIC.
IF I GIVE IT UP, EVERYTHING UNTIL NOW WOULD GO TO WASTE.

I DON'T HAVE TALENT IN STUDYING EITHER, AFTER ALL.
NOT GOOD AT ALL AT THIS LEVEL.

AT LEAST ONE THING.
THERE SHOULD BE SOMETHING.

A TALENT I CAN SURPASS MY BROTHER WITH...


NO, NO
IT'S USELESS.
THAT'S RIGHT. THIS TIME AROUND I WON'T LOSE. YOU KNOW? I D'D A BIT OF RESEARCH
THIS GUY WANTS TO TAKE REVENGE.
IT'S OKAY, NO? THERE'S A GAME CENTER AT THE STATION

EH? FROM NOW?

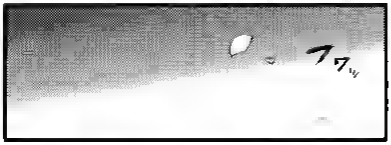
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY TALENT.
GO, REINCARNATE AND START OVER FROM THE BEGINNING
WHAT?

THE NOISE FROM AROUND ME...
FEELS TOO STRONG
...I'M TIRED.

IT'S JUST LIKE HAITO-SAN SAID.
TONIGHT
I SHOULD REFRESH MY HEAD...
AND GO HOME. SOMETIMES, IT'S GOOD TO TAKE A LITTLE DETOUR, TOO.

IS A GREAT FULL MOON.

ISN'T THERE SOMEONE CROUCHING THERE?
A DRUNK?
GO AND TAKE A LOOK.
EH!? JUST US!?
IT'S AN ORDER. GO.



DAMN, HE'S ROUGH WITH US.
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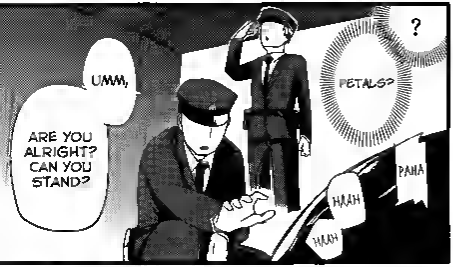
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PETALS?
UMM,
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? CAN YOU STAND?
HAAH
HAAH
PANA

AAH...
EXCUSE ME.
EH.

THIS GUY...!
DON'T MIND ME.
HE'S EATING ...

HUH?
A PERSON ...

BAM
BAM
POLICE
DON'T TELL ME, SOMEONE SHOT!? WITH A WEAPON!?
WHAT WAS THAT...!?
ANSWER ME...
OH, IKEYAMA, WHAT HAP...
IKE-YAMA?
TSUCHI-DA?

SAKATA-SAN,
REIN-FORCE-MENTS ...

THIS IS—
EVER GERCY
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LET ME GO!!
STOP
ガラン
ガラン
UGGGGH!! MY HEAD
GU KAH
EXCUSE ME
I CAN'T STOP.
STOP
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YOU KNOW...?
IT'S JUST SO MUCH FUN,
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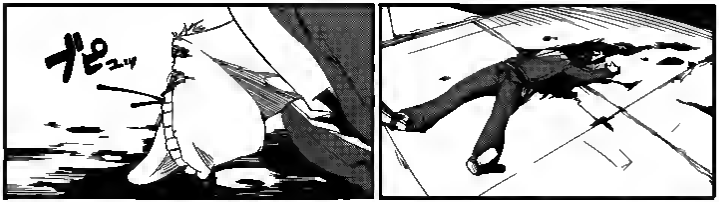
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DAMN IT
WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

WHAT AN IMPOLITE THING

TELLING ME I DON'T HAVE TALENT, THAT I AM A DUNCE.
MAKING FUN OF ME.
PETALS ARE DISPERSING FROM HIS BODY.
MY BODY WON'T MOVE
I KNOW, THIS ISN'T FEAR
I'M BEING TAKEN IN
BY THIS UNBELIEVABLE TRAGEDY.
I HAVE
THIS MUCH TALENT.
IN MY HEAD, I KNOW I HAVE TO RUN AWAY FROM HERE AS FAST AS POSSIBLE. BUT...
IT'S NOT THE TIME TO JUST WATCH LEISURELY
I'M FULL OF THIS!!!
BY THE KILLER'S TALENT.
BEYOND DOUBT...

HOW...
JUST HOW...
"FEAR"
"ADMI-RATION"
AND
"JEALOUSY".
WHEN PEOPLE SEE TALENT IN FRONT OF THEIR EYES, THERE ARE THREE THINGS...
THEY CAN FEEL.
...ENVIOUS AM I...?

THOSE IN THE THIRD GROUP ARE THE ONES WHO HAVE A GREATER CHANCE OF GETTING AHOLD OF TALENT FOR THEMSELVES
THAT'S MY THEORY!!
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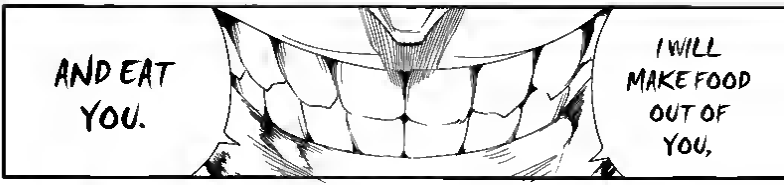
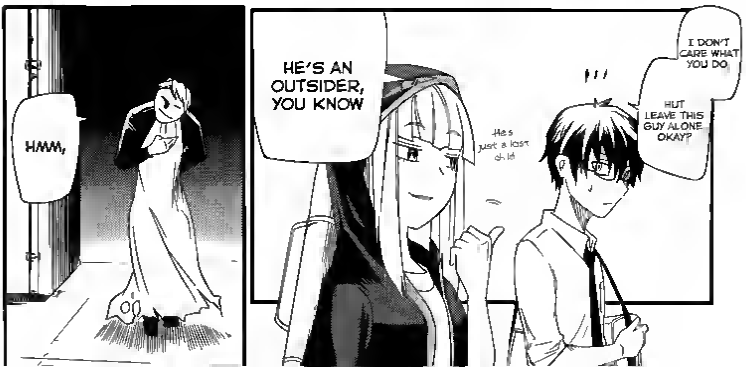
PETALS?
WHAT IS SHE TALKING ABOUT?
HAITO SAN?
IF IT'S YOU, TOUYA, I'M SURE YOU WILL BLOOM
PETALS.

ALSO,
WHY IS SHE HERE...?
NONE-THELESS,
SEEING THIS TRAGEDY AND STILL BEING ENVIOUS OF THE KILLER'S TALENT...
AREN'T YOU A BIT TOO IMMERSED?
OH MY, OH MY.
GOOD EVENING, IT'S BEEN A WHILE,
HAITO-SAN.

YEAH, NEUMANN HAD TO WORK A HELLA LOT TO FIND YOU.
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU ENJOY YOURSELF QUITE RECKLESSLY.
THEY KNOW EACH OTHER!?
I'M JUST FOLLOWING MY TALENT.
THAT'S RIGHT, IF THERE'S SOMETHING BAD,
I WOULD SAY THEY HAD BAD LUCK IN BEING HERE.
NEVERTHELESS, I'M GRATEFUL FOR THAT.
THAT THEY PULLED OUT THIS...
AMAZING TALENT FROM ME!!

PULLING OUT TALENT?
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?
TO THANK YOU ALL AS WELL...


I WILL MAKE FOOD OUT OF YOU,
AND EAT YOU.


HMM,
HE'S AN OUTSIDER, YOU KNOW
He's just a lost child
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO,
BUT LEAVE THIS GUY ALONE, OKAY?

I SEE.
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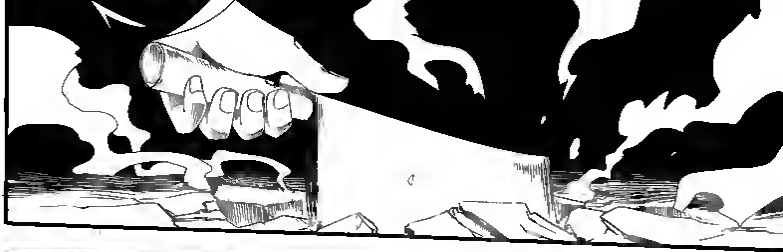
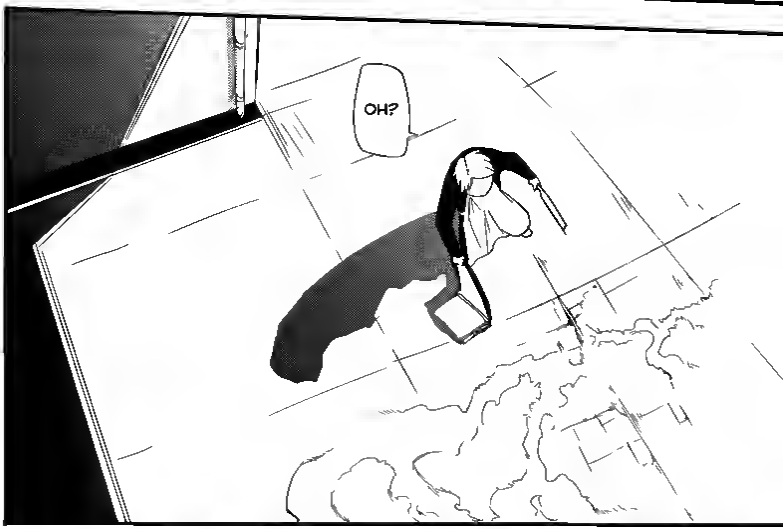
EH?

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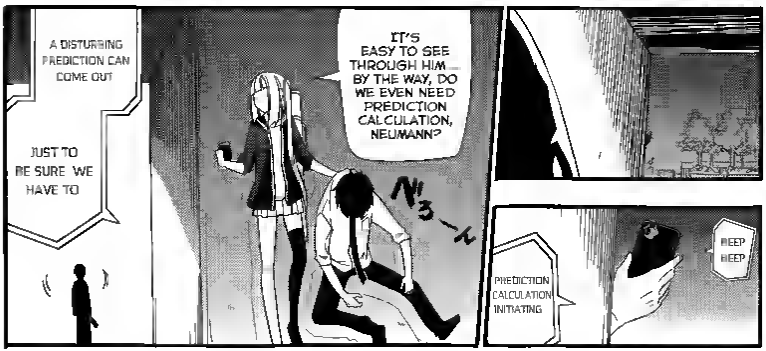
A DISTURBING PREDICTION CAN COME OUT
JUST TO BE SURE WE HAVE TO
IT'S EASY TO SEE THROUGH HIM... BY THE WAY, DO WE EVEN NEED PREDICTION CALCULATION, NEUMANN?
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BEEP BEEP
PREDICTION CALCULATION INITIATING

IT SEEMS I'M QUITE TIRED. THIS IS MY FIRST TIME HALLUCINATING LIKE THIS...
ALSO, IT'S MORE FANTASY LIKE THAN I THOUGHT... THIS IS AN UNEXPECTED REALIZATION.
HEY, ARE YOU ESCAPING REALITY HERE?
FOR YOU, TOUYA, IT'S BETTER IF ALL THIS IS REALITY, ISN'T IT?
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET A TALENT.
WH AT?
THE PETALS ARE THE SIGN.
THE SIGN OF SOMEONE WHO PULLED OUT THE TALENT FROM THEIR PREVIOUS LIFE.

"TRANS-MIGRATION".
Neumann
FROM THE BRANCH OF YOUR REINCARNATION, YOU PULL OUT THE TALENT FROM YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE.
IF YOU WANT HIM TO GET INVOLVED WE NEED TO EXPLAIN IT TO HIM SO HE CAN UNDERSTAND
BUT...
YOU'RE SO NOISY, NEUMANN, HE'LL HEAR US
AND THOSE WHO SUCCEED IN TRANSMIGRATION ARE CALLED 'RETURNERS'
OUCH
TOUYA
IS ALRIGHT, YOU KNOW.
OH YEAH, HE HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO BELIEVE.
す..
I'M SURE HE BELIEVES US.

NO MATTER HOW UNTALENTED YOU ARE IN THIS LIFE
IF YOU HAD TALENT IN YOUR PREVIOUS LIFE
YOU CAN TAKE THAT AS YOUR OWN
IT'S THE BEST, ISN'T IT?
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DOES SHE WANT TO FIGHT WITH THAT?
WHAT'S THAT, A KNIFE?
Neumann
THAT'S...
THE "TRANSMIGRATION TECHNIQUE"
ひた…
PAY CLOSE ATTENTION, IT'S HAPPENING

THE TRANS-
MIGRATION!!!
EH?
OUCH

WHY YOUR NECK!!?
HAITO-SAN!?
HA-
OH MY, YOU WERE THERE?
DON'T WORRY, I'LL MAKE SURE IT WON'T BE PAINFUL
IT'S...
NOT BLOOD ...?
THIS IS BAD, THE BLOOD WON'T STOP!
.....!?

...PETALS...?

GUT-CUTTER,
HEAD-REAPER,
COME TO ME.
OH MY, MY~

GUH
HERE I GO!!
GUHH...
...AS I THOUGHT.

SO, YOU TOO!!!
THEY DIE EVENTUALLY, AS THEY ARE PEOPLE, TOO
Neumann
THE HEROES AND EXTRAORDINARY GENIUSES OF THE TIMES
HOWEVER, IRONICALLY,
BECAUSE THEY DIE, THEIR SOUL TRANSMIGRATES,

AND THE TALENT OF THOSE GREAT PEOPLE IS REBORN IN THE PRESENT.
WITHOUT ANY FEELINGS OF SHYNESS,
MY HEART WAS BEATING REALLY FAST.
LIKE IN HER CASE,
THE BLOOM OF THE TALENT IN FRONT OF MY EYES...
WAS BEAUTIFUL.

HERE I COME.
MIYAMOTO MUSASHI GENSHIN,
THE REBORN KENDO!!
...IS WHAT I SAY.
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